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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SOVIET OBSERVERS

1. CALLED ON BOUTROS AT HIS HOME 1800 APRIL 5 AND TOLD  
HIM UN PLANNING ASSIGN SOVIET UNMO'S TO LEBANON.  
WE UNDERSTOOD GEN. KHOURY HAD TOLD SIILASVUOS THERE WAS NO  
OBJECTION. HE WOULD RECALL THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD COME UPP  
EARLIER AND I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL AGREED THEIR INTRODUCTION  
HERE WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE. I GATHERED FROM LATEST  
JERUSALEM TELEGRAM THAT PROCESS OF MOVING THEM ALREADY UNDERWAY.

2. BOUTROS WAS VERY DISTRESSED AND SAID THERE MUST HAVE BEEN  
MISUNDERSTANDING EITHER ON KHOURY'S PART OR SIILASVUO'S.  
HE IS TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH KHOURY TO FIND OUT WHAT HE  
HAD SAID, BUT REMARKED THAT KHOURY WAS WELL AWARE OF GOL  
POSITION ON MATTER. HE ASKED WHAT WE COULD DO ABOUT PROBLEM

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NOW TO LIMIT DAMAGE. IF UNSYG HAD ALREADY TAKEN DECISION,  
IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR LEBANON TO ASK THAT IT BE  
RESCINDED. SOVIETS WOULD BE FURIOUS.

3. I SAID SIILASVUOS WAS FAIRLY RELAXED ABOUT PROBLEM  
AND SUGGESTED BOUTROS SHOULD TALK TO HIM AND TRY TO HAVE  
SOVIETS ASSIGNED WHERE THEY WOULD DO THE LEAST HARM. CERTAINLY

THEY SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF TYRE.

4. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR GOL AM SURE BOUTROS WOULD BE PREPARED CONSIDER THEM SERIOUSLY.

5. NEW SUBJECT: WHILE WE WERE TALKING, COL. HAJJ OF INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES CALLED TO SAY THAT SHORTLY AFTER NOON TODAY (MARCH 5) GROUP OF TWELVE GENDARMES ACCOMPANIED BY UNIFIL TROOPS HAD BEEN STOPPED BY ISRAELIS AT ABBASSIYAH WHILE THEY WERE ENROUTE FROM TYRE TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AT QAQAIYAH BRIDGE. ISRAELIS HAD SAID THEY WOULD LET TWO BUT NOT TWELVE THROUGH. GENDARMES HAD THEREFORE GONE BACK TO TYRE.

6. BOUTROS REMARKED THAT THIS ILLUSTRATED FUTILITY OF TRYING TO DEAL EITHER WITH ISRAELIS OR PLO. NEITHER ONE OF THEM WANTED TO COOPERATE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ISRAELIS WANT TO WITHDRAW AND NOTED THAT THEY HAD LIED TO SIILASVUOS ON SUBJECT. I TOLD HIM WE UNDERSTOOD SIILASVUOS HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH EXTENT OF THEIR PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL AND WE WERE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT OURSELVES.

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